Ministers concerned were held in 1990. At the second meeting, four alternative proposals emerged for consideration. It was also agreed in that meeting to meet again.

Financial assistance for flood protection works to Andhra Pradesh

445. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending requests from Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for flood protection works;

(b) the details of the proposals alongwith the extent of financial assistance sought for; and

(c) whether any proposals were cleared in 1990-91 financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Centre has not received any proposal for financial assistance on flood protection works from Andhra Pradesh Government. As per the present policy, Central Assistance is in the form of block grants and loans not attached to any sector of development or a project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बिहार में कम्प्यूटर से आरक्षण की सुविधा

446. श्री रत्नेश रंजन साहू : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में उन शहरों और रेलवे स्टेशनों की संख्या कितनी है जहां कम्प्यूटर द्वारा आरक्षण किये जाने की सुविधा उपलब्ध है ; और

(ख) बिहार के मुजफ्फरपुर शहर में यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) (क) बिहार में दो नगरों अर्थात पटना तथा धनबाद में कम्प्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण की सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) मुजफ्फरपुर में कम्प्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण की सुविधा प्रदान करने की फिलहाल कोई योजना नहीं है ।

Utilisation of flood waters

447. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that American and Indian Engineers have formed Gangai, Cauveri, Bhagirathi Trust at Michigan, United States of America, to formulate schemes to utilise the flood waters falling into sea in India; and

(b) if so, whether Government would utilise their help to link the Ganga-Godavari and Cauvery rivers?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes Sir, some non-resident Indians of Flint, Michigan in the United States of America have formed a non-profit organisation called "Ganga Kauveri Bhagirathi Trust". One of the objectives of the Trust is to create awareness of the problems and solutions to the water resource development and management in India and to support linkage of northern and southern river systems.

(b) The linking of Ganga and Cauvery has been examined by the Government in the past, and found to be financially prohibitive requiring large blocks of power for lifting water. As an alternative Government has prepared a National Perspective which envisages inter-linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and for the Himalayan rivers separately.